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STOESSEL'S BAD PLIGHT

Russian Position in Port Arthur Is Now Desperate.

General Nogi Now Controls Whole Line and Fall of Port Arthur Is Close. Latest News Brought By Captain of Small Steamer Which Made Successful Dash Out—Japs Lose Enormously Dec. 2.

Chefoo, Dec. 6.—Details of a desperate attack by the Port Arthur garrison on the recently taken position on 203 Metre Hill was received here yesterday morning shortly after midnight through the captain of a small mail steamer arriving after a dash from the Gulf of Corea. They show that the Russians evidently realize the great value to the Japs of that fort, and that the garrison's only hope of avoiding annihilation lay in recapture of the position. The attack, however, was unsuccessful. Hundreds of Gen. Stoessel's troops were killed in the mountains east of the hill, and several battalions were shelled severely while advancing along the Newtown road from the icy east of Sunghoo and Etse Mountains to make the assault. It is said the Japanese loss was slight, in spite of the fact that 203 Metre Hill is commanded, in a degree, by the guns of Liaochie Promontory and the forts on the Tiger's Tail.

Attack From the East.

Several thousand Russians on Thursday crossed the cove from the Tiger's Tail to the northeast slopes of White Wolf Mountain and moved westward over the mountain paths on their way to Metre Hill. Their advance met with no opposition until they debouched on a table land under the guns of the fort and attempted to scale the steep declivity on the eastern side of the fortification. The Japanese guns swept the plateau and mowed down the Russians by scores. High angle firing was attempted by the Russians, but it apparently had no effect on the defenders of the fort, for all the Japanese guns were in action continuously. When the assault was at its height a sortie from the southern gate of the fort was directed against Russian left. The Russian flank was split and fell back in disorder with heavy loss. A counter charge was made by four Russian infantry companies, but they were shelled so unmercifully that they were compelled to retreat before they could engage the sortie column, which returned to the fort in good order.

Stoessel's Desperate Flight.

Gen. Stoessel's position now is so desperate that even Russians in this city admit the fortress must fall in a few days. The Japanese occupy a line extending from Rihlung Mountain northeast of the city westward and southwestward through Antze, Sunghoo and Etse Mountains to 203 Metre Hill. There is a small part of the Russian garrison in the fort on Liaochie Promontory, but it is valueless, as it is cut off from the main body of the defenders by the newest position Gen. Nogi has taken. The Russians on the Tiger's Tail cannot get to White Wolf Mountain's highest part, as the upper slopes are commanded by the Japanese guns. The hill on the Nogi's side is swept by the harbor from the west as well as from Rihlung Mountain on the northeast and Orlung on the east. It is manifest the Russian fleet is out of commission, as all its guns and most of its men are on shore, and there remains no part of the harbor in which a single ship can be safe from Japanese shells. All the Russians on the Tiger's Tail can do apparently, is to retire to the city proper, and even there they are likely soon to be shelled from Golden Hill and Electric Cliff.

Japs Fled With Enormous Losses.

Mukden, Dec. 6.—The night of Dec. 2 the Japanese began heavy artillery fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree) Hill, paying the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese hung themselves in masses against the trenches where they were met with withering volleys and a counter charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled with enormous losses.

Japs Drove Russians North.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—The following announcement was made at Imperial headquarters last evening: "The situation at the front with the Manchurian army is as follows: At about 2 o'clock in the morning on Saturday our infantry occupied Kuchiatzu, driving the enemy northward. The village had been under the hold by the enemy's infantry with machine guns. Our casualties were twelve men wounded and not one killed. The enemy lost over thirty men. During the evening of Dec. 3 the enemy's artillery shelled Waitou Mountain. Two or three companies of his infantry advancing toward the mountain were repulsed."

Jap Rush Felled.

Mukden, Saturday, Dec. 3, via Pekin, Dec. 6.—The Japanese did not reply to the heavy cannonade of their works by the Russian siege guns south of Suchiatun yesterday, though they had previously shelled the vicinity of Suchiatun with the ammunition and Russian guns captured on board the Russian steamer Manchuria last spring. Last night what appeared to be a Japanese attempt to place a mine under the Shakkie River Railroad bridge for use in case of a Russian advance was resisted and a sharp rifle fire followed. Simultaneously the Japanese were shelling Poutloff Hill were surprised by Cosacks who, after an unsuccessful attempt to capture the battery retired. After two days cautious pursuit of the Japanese, whose recent attack he repulsed, Gen. Rennenkampf has suspended his offensive movement east.

To Double Track a Railway.

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ROJESTVENSKY'S STATEMENT.

Fire Shells Came Aboard a Cruiser During Dogger Affair.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The following official statement issued from the headquarters of the Russian Navy concerning the North Sea incident of Oct. 21, after the Kraz Souvaroff ceased firing, two searchlights of the Dmitri Donskoi and Aurora suddenly appeared on the left of the ironclad division. The Dmitri Donskoi showed eight signals, whereupon, fearing projectiles from the hindmost ships of our division should hit our own vessels, either direct or by ricochet, a general signal to cease firing was made from the Souvaroff. The order was at once obeyed. The whole firing lasted less than 10 minutes. Communication by wireless stated that five projectiles struck the Aurora, some ricocheting and others hitting direct. Three were 75-millimetre and two 47-millimetre shells. The captain of the Aurora was seriously injured and a petty officer was slightly wounded. The captain subsequently succumbed at Tangiers."

The foregoing statement is the first official confirmation of the fact previously published in these despatches, that during the North Sea affair five shells came aboard the cruiser Aurora, injuring a priest, who subsequently died at Algiers.

War Would Benefit Socialism.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Replying to Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader and the keenest critic of the Government, in the Reichstag yesterday, Chancellor Bismarck expressed his agreement with Herr Bebel in the statement that if a great European war breaks out the Socialists will profit thereby, adding: "That is further reason why the Governments of the great powers are maintaining their present peace policy."

STARVED TO DEATH

Our text to-day is the story of the miser who taught his ass to live on straw, of which he gave him a smaller portion every day.

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DENIAL OF MR. BLAIR

Says Allegations Constitute a Tissue of Falsehoods.

Claims That He Was As Frank With the Public As the Situation Demanded At the Time He Resigned, and That No One Ever Made a Threat to Him to Compel Him to Keep Silence During Campaign.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Hon. A. G. Blair gave out to the newspapers yesterday an attack upon the political statement in which my name is freely used, and in which I am referred to as not having been frank with the public as to the reason of my resignation of the chief commissioner-ship of the railway commission—with having conspired with two important railways and other parties to damage the government—with having plotted to make an attack upon the administration of the interior department—with having co-operated with others to expose scandals against the government on the eve of the election—with being privy to an arrangement whereby several of the government candidates in the Province of Quebec, in consideration of \$10,000 each, were to withdraw from the field on the eve of the contest.

Mr. Blair's Statement.

"Since my return from the Maritime Provinces, I have seen the full text with scare headlines of a daring political statement in which my name is freely used, and in which I am referred to as not having been frank with the public as to the reason of my resignation of the chief commissioner-ship of the railway commission—with having conspired with two important railways and other parties to damage the government—with having plotted to make an attack upon the administration of the interior department—with having co-operated with others to expose scandals against the government on the eve of the election—with being privy to an arrangement whereby several of the government candidates in the Province of Quebec, in consideration of \$10,000 each, were to withdraw from the field on the eve of the contest.

Time of Falsehoods.

"Let me deal with these statements serially, first, however, giving to the public the assurance that these allegations constitute a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end.

"FIRST—That I was not frank with the public as to the real reason for my resignation. What I stated at the time was, and still remains true. I said I intended taking up more congenial employment, and so I do intend, and I had not then hinted at that time that I had found my position on the board more uncomfortable than I feared I should when I accepted the appointment. I could enter fully into details on this subject, but do not think it necessary, at least at present.

"SECOND—As to my co-operating in the plot to make an attack upon the government of the great railways—my answer is that I took no part whatever except by voting in the election, from the beginning to the end of the contest. It was true I resigned the office between two and three weeks prior to election day, but I was not of the opinion that my resignation would cause more than a few days' comment, and the result showed that my judgment in this respect was sound. I hear now for the first time that two of the great railways conspired to make an attack upon my resignation, and speaking for myself I do not know, and have no information which would lead me to believe, that the railways in question were antagonizing the government.

Not Against Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"THIRD—That I conspired with others to make an attack upon the administration of the department of the interior. I pronounce this statement wholly devoid of truth. I never heard from any source whatever that such a movement was in contemplation by anyone. I most assuredly had no such intention, and I can assure the public that I never mentioned the subject to me nor did I to anyone.

"FOURTH—As to my having conspired with anyone to expose scandals against the government on the eve of the election. The statement is wholly void of truth, such an intention on anyone's part I hear for the first time from The World's publication.

"FIFTH—What is alleged as to the intended withdrawal of the Quebec candidates is, so far as I am concerned, an avowed, entire and open lie. The statement is the creation of a very disordered, or a very malicious mind, and, indeed, the same may be said with almost the whole publication.

"DID NOT Intend to Speak.

"SIXTH—As having failed to take the platform after my resignation from the board—I did not state at any time that I intended doing so. The telegram announcing my resignation said in effect that beyond reaffirming my objection to the railway scheme I intended to take no part in the campaign. I had not the slightest thought, when I resigned of going into the light, and my telegram contained all the reaffirmation of my views on the railway question I had at any time in contemplation.

"SEVENTH—It is said the fear of the disclosure of some secret compelled me to silence, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was able to force me to pursue this course. If anyone either in or outside the government is in possession of a secret of the nature described I hereby not only give him permission to disclose it, but invite him to do so.

"I MAKE THE STATEMENT IN THE MOST EXPLICIT TERMS, THAT NO LIVING MAN, EITHER SIR WILFRID LAURIER OR ANY OTHER PERSON, EVER MADE ANY THREAT TO ME OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS SOUGHT TO COMPEL ME TO SILENCE.

"I will say this for Sir Wilfrid, and he will bear me out in what I have said, and also in what I am now about to say, that he did not even suggest to me that I should not take part in the campaign, nor did any one on his behalf do so. I understand that a member of the government made a statement in Montreal that Blair dare not speak, that the government had the papers which shut his mouth. If there is any member of the government from whom this street report emanated he will do me a favor if he will produce the papers and let the public know what the nature of these potential documents may be.

No Question of Money.

"EIGHTH—As to the last allegation that I was to receive \$100,000 cash when the scheme was laid out had materialized. I gave this and the connected statements an emphatic denial. No such arrangement nor understanding was had by me with any person. I did not receive \$20,000, as alleged, nor any other sum on account. No question of \$55,000, nor any amount whatever, nor any dispute of any kind involving such a question has arisen between Mr. Russell and myself. The statement in its entirety is absolutely untrue in every respect. Let me add that I recently saw in a government newspaper

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